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### COLONEL BRIAN T. BISHOP

Colonel Brian T. Bishop commands the 8th Fighter Wing at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The wing plans, supports and executes military operations to include counterair, interdiction and close air support and consists of more than 2,600 personnel, four groups and 15 squadrons, including two F-16 fighter squadrons. The colonel reports to the 7th Air Force commander for the wing's conduct of conventional air-to-ground and air-to-air missions in support of armistice and wartime taskings.

Colonel Bishop earned his commission after graduating from the Air Force Academy in June 1983. During his career, the colonel has served at numerous operational, command and staff positions in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Korea. In 1997, he became the commander and leader of the United States Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds. Prior to his current position, he served as the flight operations division chief at Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.



#### EDUCATION

- 1983 Bachelor of science degree in aeronautical engineering, Air Force Academy, Colo.
- 1985 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 1987 Master's degree in business administration, Oklahoma City University
- 1990 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1994 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1995 Air War College by correspondence
- 2001 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1983 – September 1984, student, undergraduate pilot training, Sheppard AFB, Texas
2. October 1984 – February 1988, T-37 instructor pilot, check pilot and wing standardization and evaluation flight examiner, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. February 1988 – May 1988, student, fighter lead-in training, Holloman AFB, N.M.
4. May 1988 – December 1988, student, F-16 training, Luke AFB, Ariz.
5. December 1988 – December 1989, mission ready F-16 pilot and squadron scheduler, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
6. December 1989 – February 1990, student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. February 1990 – August 1993, instructor pilot, flight commander and standardization and evaluation flight examiner, and later, aide-de-camp to the commander, 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces, Shaw AFB, S.C.
8. August 1993 – August 1994, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. August 1994 – June 1996, deputy for operations, Air Force Division, U.S. Military Training Mission, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
10. Jun 1996 – October 1997, operations officer, 309th Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.

11. November 1997 – June 2000, commander and leader, United States Air Demonstration Squadron, “Thunderbirds,” and later, special assistant to the commander, 57th Fighter Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
12. July 2000 – July 2001, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. July 2001 – October 2001, special assistant to the commandant, 34th Training Wing, Air Force Academy, Colo.
14. October 2001 – April 2003, commander, 34th Operations Group, Air Force Academy, Colo.
15. April 2003 – April 2005, chief, flight operations division, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
16. May 2005 – present, commander, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,600

Aircraft flown: F-16, T-37, TG-4, TG-7, TG-10B/C/D and TG-14

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second lieutenant                      June 1, 1983

First lieutenant                         June 1, 1985

Captain                                     June 1, 1987

Major                                        March 1, 1994

Lieutenant colonel                      Jan. 1, 1997

Colonel                                      April 1, 2000